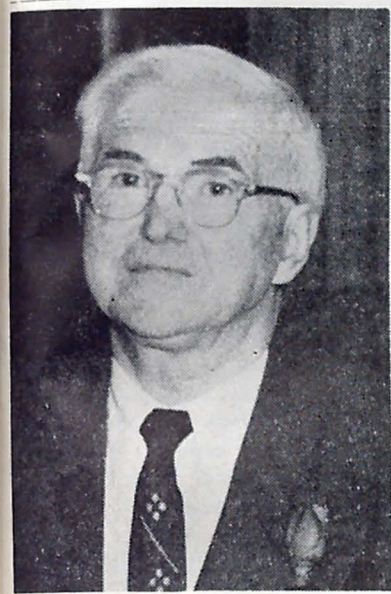


GRADUATION SET FOR JUNE 3rd



Dr. Robert Hillyer To Be Speaker

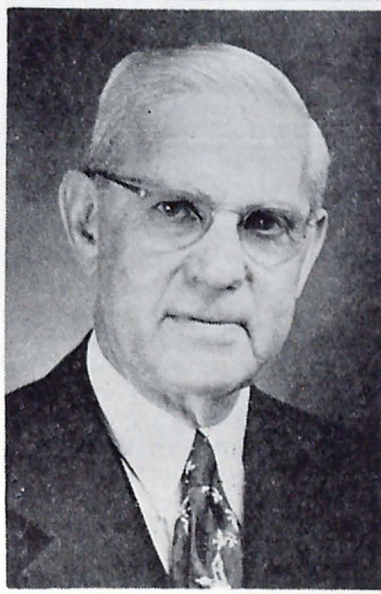
Robert Silliman Hillyer, who was for several years Boylston Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory at Harvard University and visiting Professor of English at Ktnyon College from 1949 to 1951, taught at the University of Delaware during the Summer Session of 1951. Since then he has been devoting his time to his writing. His most recent volume, *The Suburb by the Sea*, published last spring, contained several poems written while he was teaching at the University of Delaware. Other recent poems and articles have appeared in the *New Yorker*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, and the *New York Times*.

Director of Teacher Education Retires

A lifetime devoted to students and teaching has given Dr. Thomas J. Caruthers many wonderful memories, a wholesome philosophy and much vitality and interest to continue a full-time schedule after retirement.

Dr. Caruthers obtained his Bachelor of Pedagogy Degree from the Missouri State Teachers College in 1920, his Master's Degree in 1925 from Teachers College, Columbia University, and his Doctor of Education degree from New York University in 1939. At different times Dr. Caruthers has served as teacher, principal and county superintendent of schools.

In 1925 he began his career at Salisbury State Teachers College (Continued on Page 4)



Dr. Blackwell to Retire on June 30th

After holding the position for twenty years, the president of STC, Dr. Jefferson Davis Blackwell plans to retire.

Dr. Blackwell was graduated in agriculture from the University of Missouri in 1914. He had qualified for his master's degree and a diploma as superintendent of schools at Teachers College, Columbia University in 1923. He received his doctor's degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1929.

He began his teaching career in the public schools of Missouri. Later he taught successfully at the State Teachers College, Warrensburg, Missouri, and at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. He then became Director of Vocational Education in Maryland and in the spring of 1935 he assumed the presidency of the State Teachers College at Salisbury.

Dr. Blackwell has always devoted himself enthusiastically, to the responsibilities he has undertaken. When he first came to Salisbury the state teachers colleges were in the process of lengthening the course for the preparation of elementary school teachers to include a fourth year, culminating with a bachelor's degree. In 1935, a junior college division was begun and somewhat later a long-term program was started. The enrollment has increased from slightly more than one hundred students to nearly four hundred and fifty full and part-time students. There are now two new buildings, a dormitory for men and a demonstration school. Additional land and buildings have also been acquired and one of the buildings is the president's home.

During Dr. Blackwell's term the College has been approved by the American Association for Colleges for Teacher Education and is to be evaluated by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The faculty and entire student body wish to thank you for your many worthwhile contributions. Best wishes to you, Dr. Blackwell, for your retirement!!

Forty-four Degrees to Be Conferred by Dr. Blackwell, Awarded by Mr. Frampton Here

As the month of June made its swift approach, the faculty and student body of Salisbury State Teachers College prepared to observe the traditional ceremonies surrounding the annual commencement exercises. The first major event on the program was a dance, the annual June Ball, held on the evening of Friday, May twenty-seventh, in the college gymnasium, sponsored by the members of the junior class. Saturday, May twenty-eighth, was the date of the yearly alumni meeting which was followed by a dinner held at 6:00 P.M. in the college dining hall.

The baccalaureate service was observed on the afternoon of Sunday, May twenty-ninth, beginning at three o'clock. The focal point of this service was a very inspiring sermon delivered by the Reverend Ralph L. Minker, former pastor of Saint John's Methodist Church at Fruitland. The theme of his address was "Thank God, man is not alone." Mr. Minker is a graduate of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He did post-graduate work at Austin and Temple Universities and holds the Degree of Master of Sacred Theology. The invocation was given by the Reverend Charles McGinley of Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Salisbury.

The atmosphere of this event was greatly spiritualized by the musical program rendered by the College Chorus under the direction of Dr. Jessie L. Fleming. Beethoven's "Hymn for the Nations" accompanied the processional. Bach's "Now Let Every

Tongue Adore Thee," Gounod's "Tve Maria" and "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," a seventeenth century German chorale, were the anthems. The chorus also led those present in the singing of two hymns. Haydn's "The Spacious Firmament on High" was the recessional theme.

The commencement program will take place on Friday, June third, at 10:30 T.M. Thirty-six persons will be awarded the Bachelor of Science in Education degree while eight will receive the Associate in Arts degrees upon successful completion of the two-year Junior College curriculum. The principal address of the occasion will be delivered by Mr. Robert Hillyer, professor of English since 1952 at the University of Delaware. Mr. Hillyer was graduated *cum laude* from Harvard University and studied at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. He was a 1934 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his volume of *Collected Verse*.

The candidates for degrees will be presented by Dr. T. J. Caruthers, Director of Teacher Education at State Teachers College. The degrees will be conferred by Dr. J. D. Blackwell, president of the college, and awarded by Mr. Jerome Frampton, vice-president of the Maryland State Board of Education and a native of Federalsburg. The new teachers will be welcomed to the profession by Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, Jr., State Superintendent of Schools. The ceremony will end with benediction by Father McGinley and the singing of "Gaudeamus Igitur" by the chorus.

Reading Demonstrator Shows New Bond Plan

The Education Department, in cooperation with Miss Wise, demonstrator, and Mr. Yingling, representative of Lyons and Carnahan Publishing Company, sponsored a reading conference on May 16, 1953 in the campus school. Conducted in the presence of observers from several education classes and members of the faculty, the conference was planned to emphasize vocabulary and techniques of problem solving. Demonstrations were given by Miss Wise in the second, fifth, and sixth grades. The books used for the demonstrations were those evolved for the Bond Plan, Developmental Reading Series. This is a new reading program which attempts to cope with the wide range of reading capabilities within a class while keeping the class on a central unit. For this program there are two editions of each book. Both editions contain the same stories, but the words used are not on the same level. During the demonstration in the sixth grade, trail booklets containing the first fifty-six pages of the sixth grade edition, *Stories to Remember*, were passed out to the observers. After the demonstrations (Continued on Page 4)

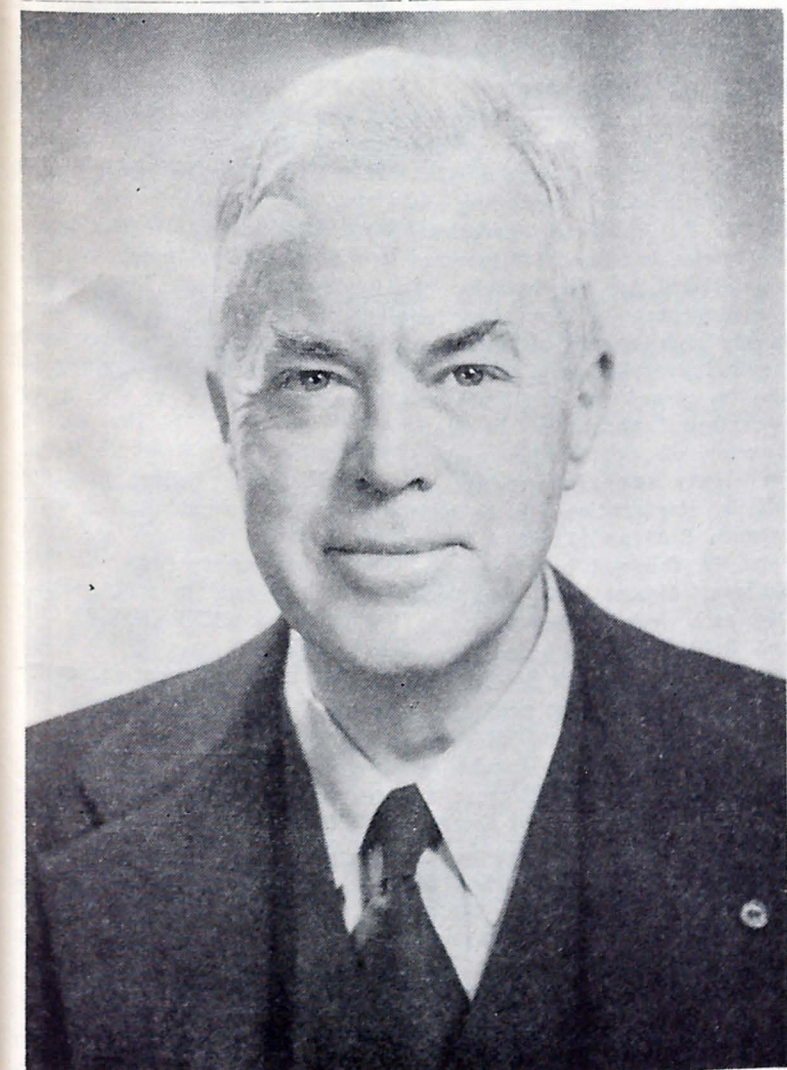
Faculty Honor Dr. Blackwell at Supper

The college faculty honored Dr. Blackwell with a buffet supper on the evening of Sunday, May 22. The supper was held in the college social room at 6:30. Some members of the family who were present for the occasion were Dr. Blackwell's son, David J. Blackwell and family of Minneapolis, his daughter, Mrs. Jack Englar and family of Baltimore, and Dr. H. Richard Blackwell of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Other guests were members of the faculty and friends.

A faculty gift was presented to Dr. Blackwell by Dr. A. H. Matthews.

Foreign Schools Open For Summer Study

Foreign summer schools open to U. S. students are listed in *Summer Study Abroad 1955*, a pamphlet published by the Institute of International Education, 1 East 67th Street, New York City. "The twenty-page leaflet lists educational institutions in twenty-two countries which offer summer programs. It sells where to apply and gives helpful information on credits, living arrangements and costs, transportation, (Continued on Page Two)



DR. ROBERT HILLYER

Students to Be Married in June

"Those Wedding Bells Are Breaking Up that Old Gang of Mine"—that familiar theme will reign again as June is ushered in.

Graduation is not the only festivity that June has in the offing, it will be highlighted by the marriages of several of our students.

June third will be a busy day for Gertie Patilla and Al Younger. Al will graduate Friday morning and they will be married the same afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Holy Redeemer Church in Delmar, Md.

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Virginia Nock is to be married the following day, June the fourth, to Duane Bradley at the Bethesda Methodist Church in Salisbury at 3:00 P.M.

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Bettie Smith is being married to Jack Nichols, a former STC student, at 4:00 P.M. in Antioch Methodist Church in Princess Anne.

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Barbara Blades and Con Dryden are also being married that same afternoon at 2 o'clock in Easton.

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Lorraine Byrd, a former STC student, is being married to Gerald Dorman at 4:00 P.M., on Sunday, the twelfth of June in Asbury Methodist Church in Salisbury.

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Williamsburg, Maryland, will be the scene of the wedding of Shirley Bowdle and Bunky Truitt on June nineteenth. They plan to be married at 12:30 P.M. in Williamsburg Methodist Church.

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We will take this opportunity to express our happiness and best wishes to these couples and wish them the best of luck in the future.

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Director of Teacher Education Retires

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as Supervisor of Student Teaching and from 1935 to 1955 as Director of Teacher Education at the college. All through his career, Dr. Caruthers has belonged to many professional associations and has published articles in various educational magazines.

Dr. Caruthers says that the biggest change that he has noticed during the last thirty years in teaching has been a broader concept of subject material dealing more with the individual characteristics of the students. The "old school's" major concern was subject matter but the new trend is subject matter plus the development of the children's character and personality. Along with the broadening of subject matter in the college, he feels that one of the most "glorious advances" at STC has been the frank and broadened outlook on courtship and marriage that the faculty and students now have. Dr. Caruthers likes the way young married people are accepted in the college.

Dr. Caruthers has given STC thirty years of invaluable service and in a recent paper entitled "The Basic of Permanency of the Salisbury State Teachers College," he said, "The State Teachers College will stand or fall on the ideals it has helped to fashion and the moral character which its graduates have and the degree to which they transmit character to oncoming generations."

In the future, Dr. Caruthers plans to continue his work with young married couples at Bethesda Methodist Church, do some "vigorous loafing" and travel over the United States, "my Dodge, my wife, and I."

Campus School Music Festival Is Sussess

On Thursday, May 12, at 2:00 P.M., the Campus Elementary School presented its Music Festival,

entitled "Making Merry Music." The performance, in the college auditorium, was divided into six sections, representing each of the six grades.

The first grade entertained its audience with songs about various birds. The second grade showed its versatility in singing, dancing, and a rhythm band presentation. An advanced rhythm band performance and the singing of a variety of songs marked the third grade's "Fun With Music" review.

The fourth grade began its performance with an introduction of its own composition followed by songs of different types and meter, of which the audience was always aware because of its appearance on a huge music staff at the back of the stage. The fifth grade presented a number of Spanish songs, accompanied by the autoharp, piano, and electric guitar played by members of the class, and concluded with a song and dance entitled "La Raspe."

A tap dance in Latin costume by Douglas Cameron opened the sixth grade's portion of the program. Theirs was also a program of Mexican and Spanish songs accompanied by rhythm sticks and autoharps.

The program was concluded with two numbers. First the fifth grade sang, while the sixth grade danced to "La Cucuracha." Then the fifth and sixth grades joined their voices in "A Merry Life." The Music Festival, a fine example of cooperation among teachers, students, and student teachers, was well received by the audience.

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is open to both graduate and undergraduate students.

Professor Hillyer won the Garrison Prize for Poetry at Harvard in 1916. He was a First Lieutenant in the A.E.F. after serving with the French Army in 1917. He

won the Pulitzer Prize in 1934. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets, and President of the Poetry Society of America. He has been Phi Beta Kappa poet six times—at Tufts, Goucher, William and Mary, Columbia, and twice at Harvard.

Professor Hillyer was appointed to the H. Fletcher Brown Chair of English Literature and received the Litt. D degree in June, 1934, at the University of Delaware.

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were concluded, a period was aside for a discussion of the techniques used by the demonstrators.

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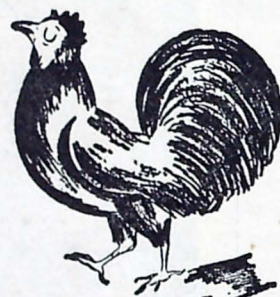
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